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TROTTING.

MATCH BETWEEN MR. WALES'S MARE PHOEBE AND MR. BELASCO'S BAY MARE FOR £50.—This match was run over twelve miles in harness, for £25 each on the Hampstead-road, took place on Saturday last, at Crawley, Surrey, and drew together a large concourse of the Metropolitans. The road leading to the appointed rendezvous was full of animation, and brought to recollection the doings of by-gone times. It was arranged that the start should take place from the 29th milestone on the Brighton-road, and trot to the 23rd, then turning to come back over the same ground, so that the match took place over a six miles course. The betting was 3 to 1 on Phoebe, and there was a good deal of the circulating medium speculated on the result. H. A. Reed was named as the judge, and, being ready, the start took place. One of the conditions of the match was, that each driver should have his opponent's whip with him in the trap, which for this special reason, had been selected with "seals for two," so that the tins had a good deal of extra weight behind them. Phoebe was owned by her owner, Mr. Wales, while Mr. King, a noted celebrity, held the "ribbons" on the part of Mr. Belasco, and piloted the mare. The match from the start proved of an exciting description, the lead throughout the first half of the distance first being in favour of one mare, and then the other, so that nothing like decided superiority had been thus far obtained. After running at the "first six" Phoebe held the advantage by a length. On the part of the bay, the struggle was splendidly maintained, the pace being a regular "governor," but the position of the mare for the remaining portion of the distance never for a moment varied, as the lead remained in favour of Phoebe, who, at the conclusion of the fine struggle, went by the goal a winner by 60 yds., the twelve miles having been fairly trotted in forty-nine minutes. The success of Mr. Wales's mare gave much satisfaction to his friends, and the owner, who is well-known among turfites, is himself not a little pleased at the success of the favourite.

SHOW OF TROTTING STALLIONS, MARCH 26.—On Saturday, it having become known in trotting circles that Mr. Goggs (of Chelmsford) celebrated trotting stallion, the Young Norfolk Phenomenon, and which created a *furore* at the late Downham Horse Fair, Norfolk, would display his trotting prowess on Clapham-common, a good muster of the admirers of trotting, professional and amateur, gathered at the Windmill Inn, to witness his performance; and additional *cold* was given to the proceedings by other trotting stallions being brought into the arena, and of high reputation on the Surrey side, to claim, respectively, public approbation and patronage. The preponderance of admiration and approval lay between the two mentioned horse and a trotting stallion of distinction (Young Rattler from Thos. bald's stud farm, Stockwell). These horses trotted together and both displayed fine action and remarkable power of speed. The Norfolk Phenomenon, a rich bay horse, with black legs, and stands 16 hands high, is a splendid specimen, and possesses the combined graces of a true trotter. Young Rattler is a red roan of beautiful symmetry, Arabian head and neck, and has equal claims of merit as his rival for speed and fashionable proportion. It is left to our province to decide as to the superiorities of these horses; indeed, it would be inviolable to do so, and we leave the world to choose between the two. A young bay horse (entire), the property of Mr. Phillips, and of which Young Rattler is the sire, was shown and received commendation; he is a stout, compact, stout-built cob of great promise. The show excited much interest.

HUNTING.

THE COVENTRY ARE IN WANT OF A FIRST WHIP.

WILLIAM BLAKEBOROUGH, formerly with the Badsworth and York and Ainley, advertises for a second whip's place.

We understand it is the intention of Mr. Cox to sell the whole of his stud of hunters at the close of the season, and to procure horses of larger size.

HOWORTH HUNT.—Mr. Cookson resigns the mastership of these hounds at the end of the season, and Major Elwon succeeds him. Mr. Parrington also resigns his office of huntsman; his successor has not yet been appointed.

RUFFORD FOXHOUNDS.—Stephen Dobson is promoted to the post of huntsman, vacant by the death of John Davis. John Machin is promoted to be first whip, and the second whip's place is vacant.

THE SUFFOLK.—Mr. Josselyn, late master of the Suffolk, is to be entertained by the supporters of the hunt at a dinner at Bury St. Edmund's in the second week in April. A large meeting may be anticipated.

ACCIDENT IN NORFOLK.—Mr. S. Leney, a highly-respected Norwich gentleman, met with a severe accident while hunting in the neighbourhood of Stalham last week. Mr. Leney fell off his head, and was taken up insensible. He has since rallied, however, to some extent.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S HOUNDS met on Thursday week at Mr. Gilliat's farm, near Mildenhall, and took a long walk on a hare on his farm, and ran her on to the thickets, where they had scarcely any hunting, but could do nothing, when they got on to the fallows, the sun being so hot and the fallows so dry. They found again on Mr. Humphrey's farm, in the afternoon, and had a very pretty twenty minutes by Wrenbury, through Mr. Poole's park, Thetford, round by Bayliss-street, and back to Mr. Sawyer's park, where they killed. On Tuesday week they met at Thorpe, and had a capital day, the first hare giving them a very sharp burst of about ten minutes; found again on Mr. Merrick's farm, going away over Wrenbury, down to Staines-lane, and on by the side of the ground into the end of Chertsey tow-path, a ring to the right, and headed back over the brooks to the back of Thorpe Church, down Mr. Bennett's meadows, straight through St. Ann's-hill, and on over Mr. Cathorow's farm, where they ran into her, after as good a run as any ten minutes as anybody need wish to see. On Friday week these hounds met at Mrs. Aldridge's Cippenham Court, to finish the season.

HER MAJESTY'S STAG-HOUNDS.—On Tuesday week the meet was at Beaconsfield, in cold, ungenial weather, with dry ground, and everything favourable to sport. The deer (a young stag) made over a good line of country, through a park-grove to Holtsprud Bottom, towards Wycombe, crossing the rail at Loudwater, and over the hills to Flackwell Heath, then to the Spayed Oak, and crossed the Thames to Cookham station, where some workmen headed him back, and he was taken at Bourne-end, in Mallow, in three-quarters of an hour. Owing to the season being very bad, and the repetition of many of the riders, the hounds were behind them nearly all the way.

BIRTH OF A CAMEL IN MANCHESTER.—On Wednesday morning week a double-humped Arabian camel, in the collection of Messrs. Smithers, of the Circus, gave birth to a fine male calf. This is believed to be only the second instance of the birth of a camel of this species in this country. The first occurred at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's-park, in 1847, but the dam died of it kindly to her offspring, which could not be reared in consequence. In the present case, the parent at first took little or no notice of the calf, except to make an attempt to bite it; but this arose probably from her own indisposition. A little attention, however, altered her temper, and then she took kindly to the young camel, and suckled it, having an abundant supply of milk. By the latest account, it were doing quite well. Soon after its birth the calf was measured and weighed. It was 3ft. 6in. in height, and weighed 55lb. Like the mother, it is white in colour, except the humps, which are black. In the calf, however, the humps are uniformed; the parts where they will grow are only indicated by small patches of thin, loose skin, resembling oilskin, and in size bearing no proportion to the bulk attained by the humps in the full-grown camel.

A TIGER IN CHURCH.—The *Dacca* News says that a tiger walked into the church of Tezgong, in broad day; the doors were closed, and he was shot dead before he could make his escape.



J. MENEAR, CHAMPION WRESTLER OF CORNWALL AND DEVON.

(FROM A PHOTOGRAPH BY G. NEWGOLD.)

BIRD FANCY.

FORTHCOMING POULTRY SHOWS.

WITTON.—At Wigton, Cumberland, Tues. and Wed., April 5 and 6. See Mr. A. Robinson, King-street, Poultry and Pigeons. Entries closed.

ACRINGTON.—Th. April 7. See Mr. J. Dugdale, Cattle, &c., Poultry and Dogs. Entries closed.

WOODBRIDGE.—Th. and Fri., May 26 and 27. Secs. Messrs. Dallenger and Whistlock, Market-place, Woodbridge.

EVERLEY AND EAST RIDING.—At Beverley, Wed., June 1. Poultry, Pigeons, Canaries and Horticultural Produce. Hon. Secs. Messrs. H. Adams and T. Kemp, jun. Entries close May 21.

THE WEST OF ENGLAND.—At Bristol, Mon., Tu., Wed., Th., and Fri., June 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17. Stock, &c., Poultry and Pigeons. Stewards of the department, Mr. Pitman, Bishop's Hull Manor, Taunton, and Mr. R. Brent, Newbury, near Exeter. Entries close May 9.

A correspondent complains that the poultry amateurs of the south lose spirit than those of the north, and that fewer shows half are held in the southern counties than in the northern. Now this to a great extent is true, for if the map of England were divided by a line at Birmingham, we should find many more places holding poultry shows to the north of that line than to the south. In Yorkshire and many other counties, poultry and pigeons form agenda to the agricultural schedules; and they can scarcely be better placed for the encouragement of poultry culture in the district, and as a help to the funds of the particular show in adding to it an attractive feature. These counties and also Scotland, are rich, too, in poultry and pigeon shows. Far west, Devonshire and Cornwall, show a spirited and increasing love of the amateur's craft in many small but improving shows. The eastern counties are establishing some shows, and introducing poultry classes at the agricultural meetings. But in many counties, especially those lying about two deep round London, it seems likely that opening might be found for establishing poultry societies on a good firm foundation. Let the projectors only go cautiously to work—get a fair subscription list, if they can, to begin with; keep expenses within limited bounds; proportion the prize list to the entry fee, and to the chance of entries; give full scope to those classes which are pretty sure to be well supported, and curtail those by which committees generally lose money. We strongly command the committees of established and thriving shows for encouraging choice kinds of fowls, at the risk of losing by their classes; but young shows cannot afford so liberal, and must give most importance to the classes which pay best. We should like to see every county, as well off for shows as Yorkshire and Lancashire, and we do not know why this prosperous time for poultry should not arrive. There is one particular in which committees may give their shows a fair chance, they often leave their constituents in utter ignorance of their intentions respecting their shows to the very last. Our readers are always anxious to hear about projected shows, and we are willing and ready to give them information respecting them; the committees only hold back, and sometimes send us their schedules so near the date of the entries closing, that if they are noticed it is with difficulty and inconvenience.

SCHEDULE OF THE ACRINGTON SPRING FAIR.—The Acrington Spring Fair is to take place at Acrington on Thursday, April 7, and is to include cattle, sheep, horses, donkeys, pigs, poultry, and dogs.

At the conclusion there will be a donkey race, for which the prizes

will be—first prize, a new halter, and second prize, 5s. in money.

The entry fees for poultry are 5s. and 3s. per pen, and the entries closed on the 31st ult.

There are silver cups of the value of £5 s.

each, as first prizes to Game cocks and Game Bantams, cock and hen.

And the remainder of the prizes (of which there are three in each of the classes) range from £2 10s. to 7s. 6d.

The classes are Game cocks, Game of any colour, Dorkings, Cochin, Spanish, Bramah, Gold-pennelled, Hamburgs, Silver-pennelled, Gold-spangled, Silver-spangled, Other Varieties, Game Bantams, cocks, Game Bantams, of several different Varieties, Turkeys, Geese, Aylesbury Ducks, Rosen Ducks, Drakes of other Varieties, and Ornamental Waterfowl (in pairs). Dogs—favourites in this and all other localities—have seventeen classes, although the prizes are not high. The classes are for Harriers, Pointers, Setters, Retrievers, Greyhounds, Otter-hounds, Scotch Terriers, Black and Tan Terriers, Bulldogs, Bull Terriers (over 30lb.), ditto, (under 30lb.), Mastiffs, Sheepdogs, Poodles, Toy Terriers, Any other Breed (the breed to be named at entry), Houndsmen's Yard dogs. A band will be in attendance. The prizes will be awarded after dinner, and if not claimed, either then or before Thursday, April 21, they will be transferred to the sub-scription list for 1865. The secretary is Mr. John Dugdale.

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THE CANARY DODGE.—At the Wandsworth Police-court on Saturday last, a young man named James Elsley, who wore a large white apron, and described himself as a bird dealer, was charged with assaulting George Raymond, a plasterer.—The complainant said that he was in Harley-street, Battersea, on Friday afternoon, when his attention was drawn to the prisoner, who was surrounded by a number of persons, and he was representing that he had found a mule canary, which had a beautiful long note, on a door-step. He had the bird on his finger, and he also stated that he was going a long distance, and was afraid that if he carried the bird with him it would die. He offered to sell the bird to witness for 1s. 6d., but he gave him 1s. for it on the belief that he was purchasing the mule canary with a long note. After placing the bird in a cage he discovered that he had been imposed upon, and instead of being a canary it was nothing more than a greenfinch painted. (Laughter.) He went after the prisoner, and caught him in the act of selling another painted green-bird for a canary. He told the prisoner that he should detain him until a constable came to see what his "little

two shots at others. They were going, he told me, to London to be made into ornaments for ladies' hats. It seems a very great pity to deprive these little birds, who are just now building their nests; but ladies' fashions rule the day. They have already, by making the fashion-able, nearly utterly destroyed the black monkey on the West Coast of Africa. The skins of the Himalayan pheasant are getting very dear. Sea otters have retired to the Arctic Circle, and now the kingfisher's turn has come; and, if this continues, the kingfisher will become shortly a rare British bird."

SPORT IN DENMARK IN OLDER TIMES.

The following is an extract from an old book giving "an account of Denmark in the year of our Lord, 1692," and said to have been written by Lord Molesworth:—"At Fredericksburgh the court spends most of its time in stag-hunting; for there are few deer in Denmark; during which the King allows freedom to his domestics and ministers, who commonly follow him whenever he goes; insomuch that he seems to lay aside all his royal dignity for the season; they eat and drink together, the latter sometimes to excess, after a hard day's hunting; when as soon as the dinner is done they adjourn to the wine-cellars. About five or six in the afternoon the hunting assizes are solemnly held in the great court before the palace; the stag is drawn through the middle of it by the huntsmen, who are all dressed in red, having great brass hunting-horns about their necks; and 'tis there brought up with great ceremony, whilst the hounds attend with much noise and barking. On that is likewise given a good gratuity to huntsmen, invited to the assembly, and provided with deer-foot. The proclamation is made if any criminal has broken the law; he is both supreme judge and executioner of any transgression against the known laws of hunting that day, committed, let him stand forth and accuse; the accused is generally found guilty; and then two gentlemen lead him to the stag, and make him kneel down between the horns, turning his back to the king, with his buttocks up, and removing the coat which might interfere with the horns; then comes his majesty, and with a small long wand gives the offender some lashes on his posterior, whilst in the meantime, the huntsmen with their brass horns, and the dogs with their loud openings, pursue the stag in full justice, and the criminal's punishment is the whole scene affording much diversion to the queen, ladies, and other spectators about the place of execution. This is as often repeated as there happens to be delinquents; who, as soon as the chastisement is over, rise up and make their obeisance, prostrating themselves.

Of their malignant recreations.

After all is done, the hounds are permitted to fall to, and eat the deer. At another season swan-hunting is the royal pastime; the wild swan, haunt of the king and queen, is a certain number of miles off, not far from Copenhagen, and breed there about the time that the young ones are near as big as the old, before their feathers are grown long enough to fly, the king, with the queen, ladies, and others of the court, go to killing of the swans; the foreign ministers are usually invited to take part in this sport; every person in condition has a pinnace allotted to him, and when they come near the haunt, they surround the place, and enclose a multitude of young swans, which they destroy with guns till they have killed some thousands. What is killed by the whole company is brought to the court, which challenges the feathers and down of these birds, the flesh of them being good for nothing."

MULES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.—One

of the most striking characteristics of the mule is his aversion to the ass, and the pride he takes in his relationship to the horse; which instincts are not so obtrusive in the ass, and by indifference in the horse. If an ass at any time gets into the vicinity of a mule—he will, in all probability, be kicked and lame by his proud relatives. A horse, on the contrary, takes a distinguished position in a drove of mules. The latter crowd around him, and follow his movements, exhibiting a violent jealousy each trying to seize his high-bred relative. This instinct is employed to keep together the drove of mules on a journey or at pasture, by putting a mare to the drove, with a bell round her neck, and called the bell-mare. This animal is led day and night by a cord, and the whole drove is thus kept under control, and will not be separated from the queen. The man who leads the mare is instructed, in case of an attack from the Indians, to leap upon the back of the animal, and take refuge in the wagon encampment, whether the drove is sure to follow him. Even

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A WHALE DEER.—Every now and then there is found a specimen of the whale among the deer of our forests. We remember seeing two very fine ones some years ago, which had been brought from Tennessee, and were exhibited at the Ohio State Fair. Since that time a white deer was seen on several occasions near the Rice Lakes, in Anoka county, Minnesota. It disappeared after a time, but without having left progeny, for another was recently discovered there. A week ago yesterday, a boy of 12 years old, living in the neighbourhood, was a year old, and weighed 73lb. In colour it was pure white, without a spot of any other tint. Its eyes and hoofs were pink.

AN EAGLE CAUGHT AT SEA.—During the cruise of a whale-ship Cicero, in the North Pacific Ocean, when the ship was lying to 500 miles from land, the nearest being the Fox Islands, a large, thin eagle came on board. A sailor went to secure him, but the eagle made a gallant flight, and was only captured after a long struggle. After he was secured, he was set at liberty, and flew about until he was out of sight. After a while, however, he came back, and alighted in the rigging. The man now caught him, and relishing his fresh food, he remained. The eagle thrived, and the sailors became much attached to their visitor, who was taken to Honolulu, where he remains at the American hospital.—*New York Spirit of the Times.*



THE LATE PETER CRAWLEY.

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MUSICAL AND THEATRICAL.

METROPOLITAN.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

Grazie has at length found an adequate successor, and Norma a fit representative. Mollo, Lagrava made a perilous venture in lifting to her brow the wreath of the Druid Priests, but she bore it with dignity and grace. To make a first appearance before the cold audience of Covent-garden is a severe ordeal for any artiste, however famous; but to appear in any one of La Diva's celebrated characters is a still more stringent test of her powers. We can pay the debonair no higher compliment than is implied by the statement of the simple truth that she wrung hearty and genuine applause from all parts of the house. The opening scene brought on a low basso, Signor Attri, of whose qualifications the little alluded to *Opepose* gives us no opportunity of forming an opinion. Signor Mollo was welcomed as he stepped forward in the costume of Pollini, and applauded when he sang the interesting air in which the Roman Prince tells his dream with his usual superlative expression. The rest of the cast was ably sustained. After the opera followed a light divertissement, which served its intended purpose of bringing back the supper and agile Milles. Salvioni to her admirers, and of introducing two new *dameuses*—Milles. Assunta and Navarre—to the British public.

HAYMARKET.

Following on the heels of *Lord Dandridge*, the *habitués* of this house find "Venus and Adonis" brought upon the boards in the quaintest attire, and made to utter the most outrageous pins that Mr. F. C. Barnard could imagine. The plot of the burlesque but slightly diverges from the mythological romances of those Olympian Divinities, and the acting of every *artiste* is spirited and effective. Miss Nelly Moore's *Venus*, and the *Adonis* of Miss Louisa Kelly, deserve especial praise for their vivacious and easy style, which elicited liberal eulogies. *Proserpine* (Miss H. Lindley), and Mr. Compton's ill-favoured *Vulcan*, are exactly suited to excite merriment. Miss M. A. Snowdon, looked, and played the part of *Jupiter* admirably; and feeble *Ate* is sufficiently comic in Mr. Clarke's hands. Mr. W. Farren, as the fleet-footed *Mercury*, points his witty shafts at modern follies with pointed effect, and thereby brings down genuine plaudits. The scenes by Messrs. O'Connor and Morris, are splendid specimens of art, and worthy the pencil of a De Wint. The farce of "My Husband's Ghost" has concluded the entertainments nightly.

DRURY LANE.

There has been no lack of energy or expense in the revival of the First Part of Shakespeare's "Henry the Fourth," and nothing so creditable has been attempted since Mr. Charles Kean's retirement from the management of the Princesses. Every portion of the scenery is now throughout, and the perspective of the road to Gadshill, the nearest approach to perfection we have seen displayed on the stage. The Battle of Shrewsbury, with its magnificent costumes and noble heroes, stands at present on the boards of Old Drury, as one of the most striking theatrical essays of the period, and will doubtless bear the palm of being the greatest "sensation" extant. The *dramatis personae* is unusually powerful, and embraces some of the leading *artistes* in the profession. The indefatigable Mr. Samuel Phelps, always in his dry Walter Montague, in the role of Hotspur, evinces abilities of no mean order, and with the advantage of a clear, commanding voice, gives infinite natural expression to the character. *King Henry the Fourth*, in the custody of Mr. Ryder, revels in dignity, and in a fine personage, as also *Prince Hal*, by Mr. W. Lucy, Glandour, Mr. H. Vandenhoff, and the *Welsh Lady*, enacted by Miss Edith Wynde, are happily conceived, the fine vocalism of the latter giving due effect to the few Welsh words and the ballad that comprises the part. Miss Rose Leclerc's charming delineation of *Lady Percy*, and *Dame Quickly*, the humorous hostess, sustained by Mrs. Edmund Falconer, fully realises the poet's conception, and are excellently studied throughout the piece. Mr. Beverley's scenery is most exquisitely depicted, and well worthy the enthusiastic encomiums nightly awarded by crowded audiences. Preceding the play Morton's farce of the "Alabama" introduces ever mirthful and fascinating Lydia Thompson, in one of her admired torpishorean feats, and prepares the spectator for one of the grandest spectacles on the British stage.

PRINCESS'S.

Watts Phillipps's comic drama "Paul's Return," and the drolleries of the Brothers Webb in the "Comedy of Errors," continue to attract so immensely, that, with the exception of a laughable triple, by J. M. Morton, Esq., entitled "Drawing Room, Second Floor, and Attics," there has been no cause to change the programme. The synopsis of Mr. Morton's domestic sketch treats of the humorous adventures of Mr. Triptolemus Brown (Mr. David Fisher), a chemist's assistant, who, brought from Cambridge by his uncle, Mr. Cockleto, to escape *Miss Banbury*; the child of a friend, gets hunted by a rival, and, to escape the consequences, climbs various chimneys and makes acquaintance with the various inmates of the story that gave name to the piece.

LYCEUM.

The "Day after the Fair" has shovelled the "Lost Child," and proves a refreshing interlude to the great play of "Bel Domonic."

OLYMPIC.

Tom Taylor's "Ticket of Leave Man," and the anti-distic farce of "B.B." seem likely to continue their career till the next holiday-time. Certain it is the treasury gets benefited by their stability, or, long ago, other novelties so long postponed would have been produced.

ADEPHYL.

Miss Bateman's *Leah* "The Pretty Horsebreaker," and the mirth provoking "Aren't Belle," draw overfilling audiences nightly.

ST. JAMES'S.

Mr. Blanche's "Golden Fleece," originally produced at the Lyceum, and restored last season to the bills of the Haymarket, now delights the frequenters of that resort. Of course, Mr. and Mrs. C. Matthews play their original characters, and so well, as to obviate criticism. The farces of "Forty and Fifty" "Under the Rose," and "Ludicrous Buckingham's" "Silver Linings," are the other attractions.

STRAND.

"Orpheus and Eurydice" retain their position in the Easter catalogue, and "Polly Perkins" obtains her customary encores as usual. Wishing, however, to be in season, Mr. J. P. Wooller contributed a comedietta, entitled "A Hunt for a Husband," and has, moreover, written a neat, terse, and effective character for Mr. A. Wood, as *Jack Sharp*, a droll specimen of a groan. Like all light productions its success depends more on the racy dialogue, ludicrous positions, and mirth-moving incidents than any real interest infused. The story is somewhat antiquated in structure, and revolves on the miseries of Mr. Poppleton (Mr. T. T. Turner), who is the accepted suitor of Mrs. Courthope (Miss Kate Carson); she, however, has a niece, *Sophy* (Miss L. Weston), in want of a beau, but actually married to Arthur Stanley (Mr. D. James), and on the exaggerated and oft-told tale of how deception is detected, and everybody at last satisfied, the plot depends. Miss F. Hughes, as *Mary Ann* the servant, contributes to the success of the triple, and the farce of "Margate Sands" winds up the dish of amusements in the "Little Box in the Strand."

ASTLEY'S.

"Rosalie; or, the Chain of Circles," from the pen of Mr. T. H. Higgin, an interesting three act melodrama, abounding with startling sensation situations and splendid scenery, is the chief Easter attraction, offered by Mr. E. T. Smith for the amusement of his patrons. As the cognomen implies, there are plenty of de-

perate designs, dark deeds and dreadful deaths; and there is likewise a capital mechanical effect representing the wreck of an emigrant ship, something similar to that introduced some years since into the great drama of "The Chain of Events," by Mr. Charles Matthews, when lessee of the Lyceum. Mr. E. F. Edgar enacts the wealthy heir Horace Belton with spirit and care, and Miss Furtado as Rosalie, the actress and heroic wife of the Spire, gives an amount of force that elicits frequent compliments; *Dinwiddie Hawk* alias the Honourable Captain Stanhope, falls to Mr. W. S. Gresham, and is worthily sustained. The great attraction, notwithstanding the love of the Westminster folks for serious sights, is the "Trap of Gold" an amusing extravaganza (by the author of the preceding named drama) and partaking of something between "Faust," "Don Giovanni," "Don Juan," and the "Necromance" in construction. The characters are well-played by Miss Booth, as *Pipette*, a gay village lass, Miss Grace Eaton, *Nixa*, a fairy, and Mr. Milne, the demonical *Roprecht Schampf*. The dancing of Miss Fanny Burney and her *compagnies* exhibits considerable agility, and the scenery powers of merit in the artist.

SADLER'S WELLS.

The British Operatic Association, under the management of Mrs. Cooper, are receiving well-merited patronage from the "merry" folks of Islington and Clerkenwell. On Saturday and Monday "La Sonnambula" was performed, Madame Tommeller enacting the heroine, Mr. Bowler, her lover, Mr. Durand, *The Count*, Mr. Summers, the comic *Alessio*, and *Kemp Liza*, "Satanelia," and the "Bohemian Girl," has since been given, followed by the sketch of the "Yankee Gal," and "Two Grogories" every evening. Mr. G. S. Brooke, and Miss Marriot, will shortly appear here in some Shakespearian characters.

NEW ROYALTY.

Leicester Buckingham, Esq., a slight comedietta, entitled "Love's Young Dream," heads the bill of fare presented by Mrs. Selby, and though the piece cannot boast of much dramatic interest, there is plenty of smart, tersely-written dialogue, indited as the polished vein in which Mr. Buckingham's thoughts ravel can only direct. Mr. Fenton pourtrays *Captain Mountain*, the hero, with good ability. The incident introduce this son of the sea, returned, after a five years' cruise, to his wife (Miss Bradenell), who, together with her maiden aunt, cannot realise the change five years' absence has made in the captain, but expect him to do the silly and sentimental in the old style. This leads to a misunderstanding, which threatens to end in separation. However, the genuine good feeling displayed by the tar in the parting scene, opens his spouse's eyes to the folly of indulging in "love's young dream" and all ends happily. Miss Langford, as the shrew, *Miss Melissa Myrtle*, and the soubrette of Miss Bristol, deserve commendation. Another burlesque, by Mr. F. C. Burnand, entitled "Rumpelstiltskin; or, the Woman at the Wheel" founded on a fairy legend, by the brothers Grimm, ushers in *King Tagarag* (Mr. W. H. Stephens) in a dreadful state of existence, consequent on the flight of *Prince Poppel* (Miss Maitland) from court, and the *Princess Superba* (Miss Ada Cavendish) who, as haughty as rich, wishes to wed the prince on purpose to procure a husband. The prince, after escaping finds refuge with *Johinson* (Mr. H. Seymour), a bustling miller, whose pretty daughter *Rosken* (Miss Pelham) he agrees to marry. The King, accompanied by *Prince Lollus* (Miss H. Pelham), a bustling miller, whose daughter *Poppy* (Mr. F. H. Funes), is primly situated, and, on the attempt to dislodge her suitor, by the dairymaid *Rumpelstiltskin*, and the uncertain descends on the general by far of all. We regret to state that Mr. Seymour, who enacted the million Monday night last, suddenly expired on the stage during the performance, from the effects of an apoplectic fit. In spite of this melancholy episode, the success of the piece was first rate, and the "Old Lot" of Mr. Walter Gordon prepares the audience for *Vivat Regina*.

SURREY.

"The Soldier of Fortune; or, the Devil's Death Tower," adopted by Mr. J. Anderson from Dumas's historical work, is the exciting piece de resistance over the water. The story closely adheres to the career of the guilty Margaret of Burgundy, and placed on the stage of this house with good scenery, and enveloped in what the audience relish—mystery—there is little doubt but that it will hold its position for some time. Mr. James Anderson, after a rest of over three months, appeared as *Bertrand de Longueville*, with his accustomed effect and energy. Miss G. Pauncefort made a capital *Marguerite*; *Jeanne de la Croix*, in the hands of Mr. J. Fernandez, and the rest of the cast by the company being creditably sustained. The great nautical drama by C. H. Hazlewood, Esq., of "Ashore and Adrift," with Mr. R. Shepherd as *Hal Oakfor*, and Miss Pauncefort as *Ruth Ringrose*, draws immensely at second price, the catastrophe of real water eliciting immense plaudits.

STANDARD.

"The Duchess of Malfi" and "The Prince of the Peaceful Islands," from Sadler's Wells, are starring here for a limited period—efficiently supported by the stock company—with Miss Marriot in her great assumption of *Marie*.

PAVILION.

The old drama of the "Ice Witch" together with J. B. Howe's domestic story, entitled the "Blighted Home," supported by Misses C. Robinson, Hamilton, Bousfield, W. H. Pitt, Lindon, Young, and Madames Ross, Robinson, Young, M. Campbell, Ford, &c., draw good audiences.

GREGORIAN.

"Deborah," supported by Miss Edith Herard, Misses Jackson, Grant, J. B. Steele, Manning, James, Mrs. C. Dillon, and the principal strength of the company, has followed the "Heart's Victory," and with the opening of "Robinson Crusoe," in which Mr. G. Conquest essayed *Friday* with extraordinary humour and effect, fills this theatre to excess.

VICTORIA.

A version of "La Tirose des Cartes," adapted by J. T. Coyne, Esq., under the cognomen of the "Woman in Red," affords the Lambeth folks the opportunity of witnessing the extraordinary powers of the celebrated Madame Celeste as *Miriam*, the heroine, whose offspring, styled *Hibert* (Mr. B. Potter), a vagabond, leads her to her young prophanes under the roof of the *Woman in Red*. *Count Ardel* (Miss Daly) succeeds the child, and, after a period of restoration to the wandering parent, and with *Marguerite* (Miss Daly), becomes her firm friend. Some good and picturesque scenery by Mr. F. Fenton is introduced, and the acting is all that can be desired, and creditable to the reputation of the popular author, who has catered for the entertainment. "A Day After the Wedding" precedes the new Easter piece.

MARBLEBONE.

Mr. William Travers' drama of the "Chimes; or, the Broken Heart," forms the novelty of Mr. C. G. Cave's establishment. The plot of this highly-interesting domestic story is too well-known to need detail; and, beautified as the piece is with striking scenery and good acting, we recommend those of our readers who desire to witness a genuine picture of English life, to avail themselves of the opportunity of witnessing this excellent production ere it is withdrawn. Mr. G. W. Blaikie as *Stiles*, the *Captain Dervier* of Mr. P. Harman, and the rest of the *dramatis personae* are first-rate, and really deserve all the credit they acquire. "The Devil's Bridge," with a torrent of real water, winds up the entertainment with *acta* at a reasonable hour of night.

CABINET THEATRE.

"Othello," and "State Secrets; or, the Tailor of Tamworth," forms the staple entertainments at Mr. Dryden's temple of Thespis, and though the corps engaged is anything but *au fait*, the attendance of visitors is above the average standard. A new extravaganza

ondulated on Gounod's "Faust," a drama, and the laughable farce of "A Rough Diamond," are announced for the benefit of Mr. William Gilbert, the indefatigable *comique*.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"The Highwayman's Holiday" has preceded the new drama entitled "Idleness, or the Root of Evil," supported by Mr. Seymour as *Waddle*; Mr. Bennett, *Harry*; *Margaret*, Miss Jackson; and Mrs. Pepper, Mrs. Harrison. Following this came a new burlesque by W. S. Suter, entitled "Persons; or, a Rocky Road to Travel," in which Messrs. Mellor, Fortune, Seymour, Mrs. Harrison, Miss Forde, and the entire corps exerted their abilities to please.

BRITANNIA.

Mr. C. H. Haslewood's drama, the "Left Handed Marriage," Professor Pepper's Ghost effect, for the 27th instant, the "Four Mowbrays," by Little Percy Roselle, and a laughable farce entitled the "Sham Captain," constitute the attractions at this favourite last-end resort.

CITY OF LONDON THEATRE.

A new drama, depicting real life in its various phases, replete with powerful situations and effects, and entitled "Caught at Last," absorbs the interest of the Norton Folgate folks, and gives room for the admirable acting of Mr. W. Travers (the popular author), Messrs. J. F. Young, B. Hughes, C. Steyna, Miss Clifton, Mrs. Moreton Brooks, and a strong cast. Mr. Travers's drama, the "Life of a Beggar," with all the original stage effects, concludes the "course" provided by Mr. Nelson Lee for his patrons.

EFFINGHAM.

Travers's drama, the "Brigands of London," supported by Messrs. J. B. Howe, C. Morton, Coreno, H. Young, Findlay, Mddles, Jane Cooney, M. Foster, Pettifer, and the admired drama of "Charming Polly"; or, *Lucky and Unlucky Days*, are well approved of by the frequenters of Mr. Abraham's theatre.

AGRICULTURAL HALL.

The "merry" Islingtonians have become staunch supporters of Messrs. Strange and Pulley's establishment, and these indefatigable caterers achieved a more than transient success. Frank Pastor, the daring bare-back rider, and Mr. John Powell, a graceful equestrian, elicit liberal approval, and the Infant Perks, Mddles, Marietta, and Master James, attain a fair share of approbation. In the spacious circle, chariot races, athletic games, and the feats of the Fire King are exhibited, followed by a grand assault of arms by the non-commissioned officers and privates of the Life Guards; and these trials of dexterity and strength are sufficient to gain popularity. Sixty performers, under Mr. Hird, of the Hon. Artillery Company, execute some sparkling operatic selections.

POLYTECHNIC.

Keeping pace with the taste for sensation novelties, Messrs. Pepper and Dircks provide the "Mermaid's Haunt" as the Easter entertainment at this institution. In this submarine sketch a drowned mariner executes a genuine horrope, and Neptune, with other aquatic celebrities, perform their allotted *rôles*, and, prefaced by a lecture and the ghost of Pepper condensed to a spectre seven inches high, enthrall the attention of crowded audiences. *Monte Logeren* fill up the gap preceding and following the *spectre* *morceau*.

PROVINCIAL.

MANCHESTER.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Last Monday evening, a new drama in four acts, being an adaptation from the French, "Les Pavanes de Paris," and the American "Poor New York," entitled "The Poor of Manchester," was produced to a large audience. The piece has been well received during the week, as also the new and original extravaganza, "Ixion; or, the Man at the Wheel," written by F. C. Burnand, Esq.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.—This establishment re-opened on Monday evening, with a new drama, by Mr. D.ion Boucicault, entitled "The Streets of Manchester." The piece is mounted in excellent style, and the different characters are exceedingly well sustained. It has proved a great success, the theatre being crowded nightly.

SANGER'S HIPPODROME AND CIRCUS.—The attendance here has been very large during the week. The programme has been varied, and gives general satisfaction. The great feature continues to be the wonderful acrobatic performances of Arthur and Bertrand.

London NEW MUSIC HALL.—This elegant place of entertainment still continues its career of undiminished popularity. The celebrated cantatrice, Miss Rebecca Isaacs, has appeared during Easter week, and met with a most flattering reception. There are some fresh arrivals, including Mr. Fred French, a most talented comedian; Mr. George Case, an aerial equilibrist; Mr. Edward McKenna, a tenor vocalist; Master Sharpot, a clever infant drummer; and Master Sanders, called the infant Sims Reeves. "The Gathering of the Clans" is to be withdrawn this (Saturday) evening, after a most successful run. The Misses Gunniss have appeared in a new ballet, and the Tremont Minstrels continue to please in their negro vagaries.

Mrs. GEORGE HARDY'S MUSIC HALL.—The host of the sporting rendezvous, the Rising Sun, Swan-street, Manchester, has erected a large and commodious concert-room at the rear of his luminary, and it is, without exception, one of the neatest of the kind in the city. It is very appropriately fitted up, and lighted by means of three beautiful glass chandeliers. A most pleasant evening may be spent here. We shall give an engraving of this room shortly.

BRIGHTON.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Gonnell's "Faust" with its original music and effects, has been the leading feature at our house, ably sustained by Mr. Henry Haigh as the hero; Miss A. Thirlwall, *Marietta*; Mr. E. Lyall, *Vladutie*; Mr. Henry Corry, *Mephistopheles*, Mr. Dussek, *Wagner*; and an efficient band and chorus.

PAVILION.—Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Gale's "Cousin Julia" and the "Haunted Mill," have been presented three times this week, as also the mirth-moving *mélange* of Burton's troupe of Christy's minstrels.

CANTERBURY-HALL.—Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, duettists, and the dog dramas of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Leslie are well approved, as is also the comic songs of Mr. Talleen Welsh, and the splendid comic effusion of Miss Laura Saunders, of metropolitan notoriety.

THE OXFORD.—Messrs. Binnion and Fuller, the great "darkies," Miss Kate Harley, the popular singer and actress, Mr. and Master Cleveland, and the Scotch songs of Mr. and Mrs. Cleaveland, are the attractions here.

CORN EXCHANGE, LEWES.—Mr. Nye Chart's Brighton Dramatic Corps has been performing the "Ticket-of-Leave Man" here with success, being ably supported by the local amateurs.

ALHAMBRA.—M. Francois Loiseau's Cirque Francais bids fair to retain its hold on public support, for some time to come. At the present period the manager is encircled by a clever and energetic company, and under his supervision, we trust are long to witness the restoration of the antique Olympian and Parisian sports. A great feature in the programme is the "Race for a Ribbon," and the elegant *ménages* of Mddles. Caroline, Louisa and M. Loiseau who, if well, will shortly, some years since formed a portion of the *parties* of Drury Lane, when Madlle. Ella, and a host of "stars" gambolled on the boards that had borne the time-honoured *Tembles*, *Conch's*, *On'Neill's*, *Sidons*, and *Macready*, when legitimate drama enticed the visitors at the west-end of town.

ROCHESTER AND CHATHAM.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Mr. A. Baldwin has opened this house, and given us "Katum Mavourneen," and the "Water Witch," supported by a good company.

SOLDIERS' INSTITUTE.—On Wednesday last the "Mistletoe

PEDESTRIANISM.

MATCHES TO COME:

- APRIL
- Haydon and Shaw—to run four miles, £25 a side, City Grounds, Manchester.
 - 4. Hall and Keel—120 yds, £10 a side, City Grounds, Manchester.
 - Beagor and Tapley—to walk "seven miles" in two hours, starting two minutes' start, £10 a side, Brown's Grounds.
 - 2. Burke and Canavan—140 yds, £25 a side, Canavan to have five yards' start inside, City Grounds, Manchester.
 - 9. Hay and Winstone—100 yds, £25 a side, at Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
 - 12. Browne and Moore—170 yds, £10 a side, St. George's, Hounslow.
 - 13. Burdett and Clegg—100 yds, £20 a side, Brough to have three yards' start, High-park, Fenton.
 - 18. Blundell and Thompson—to walk three miles, £10 a side, Fenton.
 - 20. Boardman and Knight—100 yds, £10 a side, City Grounds, Manchester.
 - 23. Throp and Westmoreland—100 yds, £20 a side, £10 a side, £10 a side.
 - 25, 26. All England Handicap, 185 yds, £23 in money prizes—Queen's Hotel, Sheffield.
 - 30. One and half handcap, for gentlemen amateurs only, for a silver cup, value 40 guineas, Strawberry Hotel Grounds, Liverpool.
- MAY.
- 1. Lambeth and Wavering—120 yds, Wavering receiving a yard start, £10 a side, Aston-cross.
 - 6. 17. All England Handicap, 225 yds, £50 in money prizes, Hyde-park.

AUGUST.

- Perry and Roberts—to walk 50 mil e £5 a side, Brompton.

BROMPTON.

There will be a meeting on Monday at Mr. J. Roberts's Ground to witness the undermentioned events that had been announced for decision. The sports opened with

HURDLE RACE OF 400 YARDS.—This was for a prize given by the proprietor, over eight hurdles equidistant, and the course in the undermentioned order:—First heat: Fenton from scratch; 20 yds start. The lead was held by Rodwell, who after taking the first jump, was overtaken easily;—Second heat: Rodwell again came to the post to contend, but an Fenton who met him, the conditions being the best two of three heats, Rodwell walked away.

HALF-MILE HANDICAP.—This was for a prize given by Mr. Roberts, the proprietor, to the mark the undermentioned competitors, viz.: Jones, from scratch; Fenton, 15 yds start; Chick, 20; Charles, 45; Markham, 45; Chittenden, 60; Rodwell, 65; Groom, 70; George, 70. Soon after the struggle had commenced, the race was over, and after a well-contested race with Chittenden and Markham, went in a winner by five yards; Chittenden second, and Markham a good third.

WRESTLING MATCH BETWEEN ROBINSON AND TOPLEY.—The distance these pedes-trians had to walk was a mile. Robinson having allowed a start of one minute. Mr. Roberts was chosen referee, and all being in readiness the competitors came to the mark, when Robinson started to make his best exertion of the given time, and in the minute it was computed that he covered 250 yds. This start Topley could never fetch up, and Robinson won by his opponent resigning when three miles and three quarters had been walked.

GOOD FRIDAY SPORTS.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND WRESTLING SOCIETY.

"A mutual yoke of sacrifice;
And in their clasp, reciprocal, they lifted from the ground
Each other's body, stretched in air, descending round and round;
A double pleasure thus employ'd th' Olympian dweller's mind,
Lifting and lifted thus by turns upon the wavy wind."

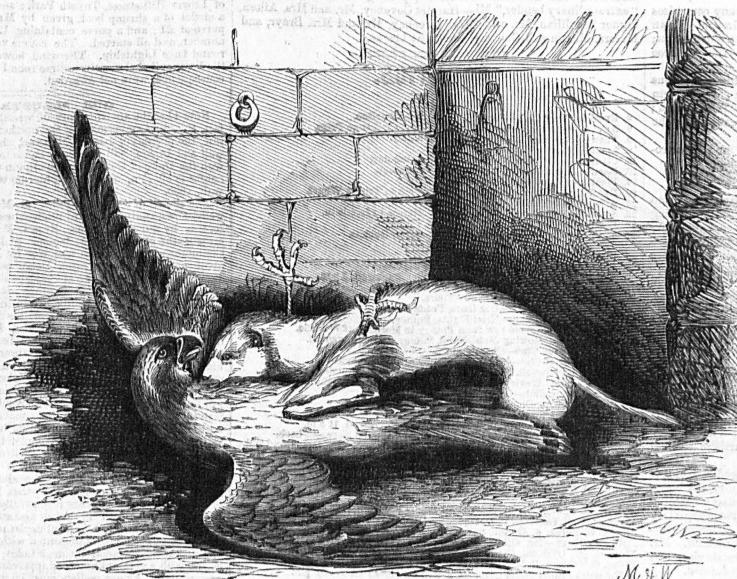
WRESTLING, the oldest sport upon record, has become quite an established

species of amusement in various parts of the metropolis. For many years it was followed in the fields near White Conduit House, on a Good Friday, by a few young men who had left their native towns, and who feeling anxious to have a bit of the old amusement formed themselves into a club, denominated the Cumberland and Westmoreland Youths. The above club gave a handsome belt to the successful wrestler in the ring on that day; but scarcely anything was heard of the above sport during the remainder of the year, except a private match or two, until the next Good Friday afforded another leisure day for the wrestlers again to exhibit their skill and strength. However, about thirty years since a society of Devonshire gentlemen assembled together at a public-house in Exeter-street, in the Strand, and laid a kind of foundation for a meet in London; but for some time after its formation, and for several years thereafter, the masters were unacquainted with the honour of their country, as Abraham Cann and others of the best men of Devon, were always introduced to carry off the prizes, when their amount was of any value. Indeed, it is said, that the Devonshire men look upon themselves as the crack wrestlers of the kingdom; and Abraham Cann, in the eyes of his countrymen, was not only put forth as their champion, but considered invulnerable. It is likewise asserted that the men of Cornwall are not a jot behind the Devonians in the above respect; and Polkynhorne has, by his countrymen, also been elevated to the championship, and who, likewise, defeated Cann in their celebrated contest. Oliver, Rooke, Jordan, &c., have distinguished themselves as wrestlers of the first class in the London ring, days

convenient place could not possibly have been selected. Of course Horsey Wood and Ashton-under-Hill have their several attractions, and so on, but we consider that committee acted very judiciously in holding their trials where they did on Good Friday.

We were much pleased to see so excellent an attendance, the separate departments being arranged, notwithstanding the counter-attractions at Hackney, Wandsworth, Brompton, and other popular enclosures. Messrs. Leggett and Bell officiated as umpires; and Mr. Margetson as referee. The prizes were £10 guineas each, and in the first heat, Leggett, and Bell, and the other two (we may not here explain) were barred. The police in attendance fortunately had little trouble in preserving order, but we cannot omit to mention the courtesy of Superintendent Mott, and Inspectors Morris and Gurney, who were present, and Mr. and Mrs. Margetson, and Mr. and Mrs. Leggett, the house-keepers. These gentlemen were very energetic throughout the afternoon in securing comfort to their visitors. To Mr. J. Hodson, too, we are particularly obliged for the kind aid he rendered to the members of the committee.

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CONFLICT AT NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE BETWEEN A KESTREL HAWK AND YOUNG FERRET.



JEMMY SHAW'S PARLOUR.

gone by; and, according to the old adage, "When Greek meets Greek, then comes the war of wit!"

The Pathlanders, the gay boys of the Emerald Isle, nothing wanting to have a finger in the pie of public approbation, have now got into the spirit of the age, to give a kick, or obtain a back fall, with either Devonshire or Cornish men, when any match has been offered to them. Gentry, ladies, and gentlemen, and themselves, on several occasions, very troublesome customers, and who have withheld many a severe kick on the shins, till the "Saxons" had been sent down the "Welsh" legs, remaining as very strongly of the philosopher's assertion, that pain is only an imaginary feeling; in truth, the above-wrestlers, like the ground-hogs, like hawks and moles.

But we hate all invincible distinctions, country or colour are all the same to us; and we only in our reports of these contests, hold up the talents and strength exhibited in the various matches. The men are alike to us in the above respect; and ability of any kind never was, nor ever will be, confined to any particular nation. In the London ring, a man is sure to meet with his match; and he who may that gets at the top of the tree in the metropolis, must pay the forfeit of his coat. Our forefathers cherished the pastime as the surest means of keeping alive, in times of peace, that martial spirit, and that robust frame, which, while it was possessed, was such an insuperable barrier to the gigantic efforts of the enemies of Great Britain. A century ago wrestling was the chief amusement of the masses, the more popular it was supposed on the diversity of the lower classes of society caused their decay in all parts of the empire, except in some of the northern and western counties of England; and a few years ago Ireland, and the Hall, therefore, the revival of them with pleasure, as we consider them a desirable source of recreation for the peasantry. Long divested of its popularity, it is reviving, and hope to see them patronised to the extent they merit. Indeed, wrestling has now become very popular among the aristocracy, and is rapidly spreading the metropolis. The Cumberland and Westmoreland Society have much conduced to this pleasant result, hence, we concur with them to the best of our power, with much satisfactory delight, as the meetings so admirably conducted, the prizes are liberal and various, and every one who is worthy is given to "all comers." This season the sports were held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, than which a more convenient place could not possibly have been selected. Of course Horsey Wood and Ashton-under-Hill have their several attractions, and so on, but we consider that committee acted very judiciously in holding their trials where they did on Good Friday.

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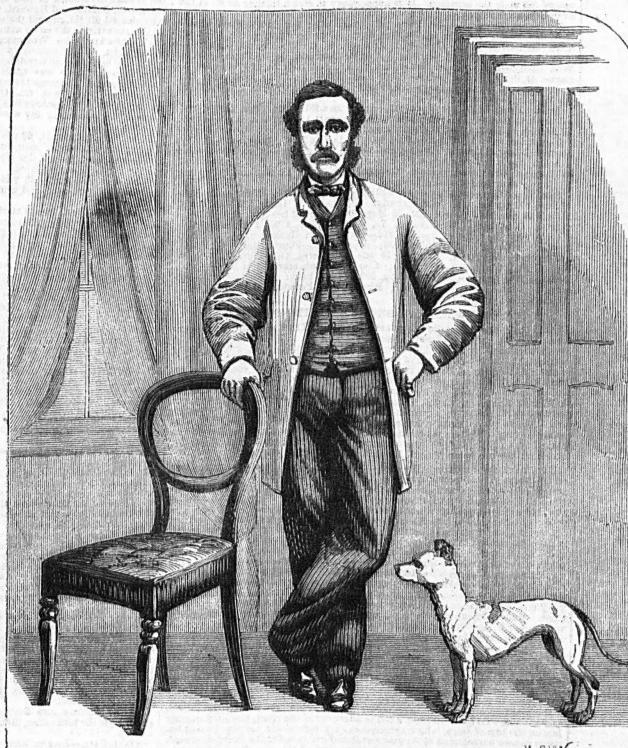
ancing with play between London 1st men, not exceeding 11st; the prizes for which were first, £10; second, £6; third and fourth, £3 each; and the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth, £1 10s each. The results were as follows:—

Stoop.
Walter Scott (Carlisle)
Mr Allen (Penrith)
J Thompson (Carlisle)
J Graham (Cockermouth)
W Jenkins (Ulpha)
W Peacock (Carlisle)
T Brunkill (Penrith)
T Roe (Penrith)
B Atkinson (Hathersgill)
B Hetherington (Penrith)
W Gilchrist (Carlisle)
B Moore (Cockermouth)
G Hunter (Carlisle)
W Jackson (Carlisle)
H Coulthard (Cockermouth)
B Tyson (Carlisle)
Jacob Wilson (Hathersgill)
T Bell (Carlisle)
W Roberts (Carlisle)
W Wilson (Kirk Bampton)
J Christie (Midgeholme)
T Hinde (Windermere)
J Brown (Wigton)
T Newton (Wigton)
J Fawcett (Garragill)
B Atkinson (Kirby Lonsdale)
Dixon (Kirby Lonsdale)
G Lancaster (Carlisle)
J Baines (Penrith)
J Patti (Carlisle)

F. FELL.

G Willis (Hawks Brampton)
W Blair (Cockermouth)
J Hind (Carlisle)
J Telfin (Walton)
J Hind (Carlisle)
J Craig (Cockermouth)
W Williams (Penrith)
R Fawcett (Appleby)
J Lawrence (Kirk Linton)
J Brown (Carlisle)
R Blundell (Brougham)
W Moore (Penrith)
J Graham (Windermere)
J Hilton (Brough)
R Bell (Carlisle)
W Adair (Cockermouth)
J Stubbs (Carlisle)
W Atkinson (Kirby Stephen)
James Hetherington (Penrith)
W Dent (Carlisle)
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J Lindsay (Bowness)
J Nelson (Kirk Bampton)
J Peel (Carlisle)
T Smith (Egmont)
J Walker (Penrith)
R Batey (Carlisle)
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J Strong (Cockermouth);

SECOND ROUND.
Stoop. J Patti
W Roberts J Hunter
J Newton G Hunter
T Fawcett Walter Scott
W Pearson J Graham
T Holmes J Bell
W Jackson J Wilson
J Chistler J Wilson



MR. CHARLES MANSFIELD, AND HIS CELEBRATED BITCH DAISY.

W Gilchrist

T Brown

FELL.
G Lancaster J Graham
W Jenkins R Batey
J Baines G Allen
B Coulthard R Beaumont
T Bell J Jackson
B Atkinson T Hewson
A Atkinson, odd man.

THIRD ROUND.

Stoop. FELL.
J Baines H Atkinson
T Bell W Jenkins
T Holmes R Batey
R Coulthard G Lancaster
W Roberts T Fawcett
W Gilchrist W Jackson
W Pearson T Morton
J Dixon J Dixon

FOURTH ROUND.

Stoop. FELL.
W Pearson T Roberts
R Coulthard T Holmes
T Baines T Bell
R Tyson R Gilchrist

FIFTH ROUND.

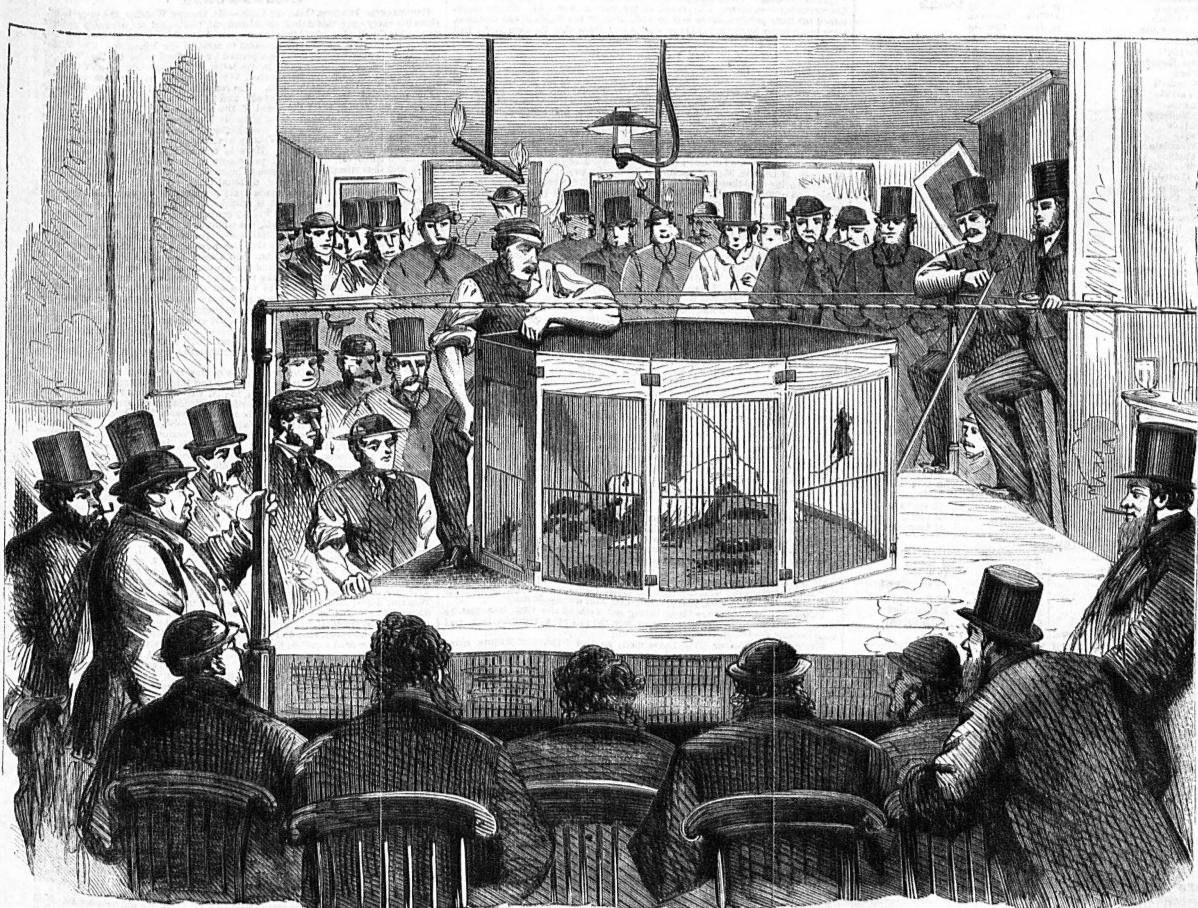
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FINAL FALL.

Stoop. FELL.
R Coulthard W Pearson
Coulthard threw his opponent twice in succession with his left leg like a scorpion play as never seen. Pearson (the soldier) had previously had some long and severe play with Tyson in the fifth round. The first prize, of course, went to Coulthard, the second to Pearson (of the Royal Horse Artillery) the third to Hetherington, and the fourth to Gilchrist, Bell, Holmes, and Roberts.

After the London wrestling came the polo leaping, the prizes for which were first, £5; second, £2 10s; third, £1 10s; fourth, £1; fifth, £1; sixth, £1; seventh, £1; eighth, £1. The competitors were W. Pearson, of Carlisle; T. Baines, Penrith; T. Robinson, Carlisle; R. Musgrave, Keswick; G. Branshill, Carlisle; G. Moses, Penrith; and G. Maxwell, Rockford. Moses was beaten by Pearson, who subsequently (for the gratification of the audience) cleared 11 ft. 3 in. Baines obtained the red and prize, having three solid leaps 11 ft., 10 ft. being his best jump. Third prize went to Pearson, 10 ft. 6 in. (10ft); and the fourth to Maxwell (9ft 6in.). It was now a quarter to six o'clock, and preparations were made for the ratting sweepstakes between London and the Northern Counties, the entries exceeding 100 each, so that first receiving the Champion's Belt and £10, the second £6, the third and fourth £3 each, and the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth £1 10s each. The play was as under:—

Stoop. FELL.
R Tyson (Carlisle) Graham (Windermere)
T Fawcett (Garragill) H Atkinson (Kirby)
J Baines (Penrith) G Allen (Penrith)
J Broye (Wigton) J Bell (Hathersgill)
J Dixon (Kirby Lonsdale) J Hewson (Hathersgill)
W Jackson (Carlisle) G Lancaster (Carlisle)
D. Jackson (Carlisle) T Brunkill (Penrith)
W Gilchrist (Carlisle) T Brunkill (Penrith)
J Hetherington (Penrith) J Hunter (Carlisle)
J Thompson (Penrith) G Allen (Penrith)
T Holmes (Carlisle) W Jackson (Kirk Bampton)
J Peel (Carlisle) J Smith (Egmont)
J Christian (Midge Holm) G Strong (Cockermouth)
W Crowthurst (Carlisle) B Sewell (Carlisle)
H Bell (Carlisle) J Dani (Carlisle)
W Dixon (Wigton) J Dani (Carlisle)
G Graham (Carlisle) H Adair (Cockermouth)



THE CHAMPION RATTING SWEEPSTAKES AT THE BLUE BOAR'S HEAD, LONG ACRE.

CRICKET.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT CLUB MATCHES.

BRITISH UNION CLUB.

ELEVEN MATCHES, 1864.

- April 2, at Hulme—British Union v. Atheneum.
 April 9, at Hulme—British Union v. Minerva.
 April 16, at Pendleton—British Union v. Pendleton Perseverance.
 April 23, at Broughton—British Union v. Elsworth.
 April 23, at Old Trafford—British Union v. Victoria.
 May 14, at Hulme—British Union v. Newton Amity.
 May 28, at Hulme—British Union v. St. Wilfrid's.
 June 4, at Old Trafford—British Union v. Hulme Adelaide.
 June 11, at Hulme—British Union v. Victoria.
 June 18, at Hulme—British Union v. Atheneum.
 June 25, at Hulme—British Union v. Pendleton Perseverance.
 July 16, at Barton—British Union v. Carlton.
 July 23, at Hulme—British Union v. Elsworth.
 July 23, at Hulme—British Union v. Carlton.
 Aug. 6, at Barton—British Union v. Carlton.
 Aug. 13, at Old Trafford—British Union v. St. Wilfrid's.
 Sept. 3, at Newton—British Union v. Newton Amity.
 Sept. 10, at Hulme—British Union v. Hulme Adelaide.

SECONDO ELEVEN MATCHES.

- April 2, at Hulme—British Union v. Hulme Atheneum.
 April 23, at Hulme—British Union v. Newton Amity.
 April 23, at Old Trafford—British Union v. Pendleton Alliance.*
 May 7, at Salford—British Union v. Salford 260.**
 May 28, at Eccles New-road—British Union v. Weaste.
 June 4, at Hulme—British Union v. Hulme Adelaide.
 June 11, at Hulme—British Union v. Victoria.
 June 18, at Hulme—British Union v. Hulme Atheneum.
 July 5, at Old Trafford—British Union v. St. Wilfrid's.
 July (not fixed)—British Union v. Salford 200.***
 July 23, at Hulme—British Union v. Pendleton-street Alliance.†

- Aug. 13, at Hulme—British Union v. St. Wilfrid's.
 Aug. 20, at Hulme—British Union v. Weaste.
 Aug. 27, at Pendleton—British Union v. Claremont.
 Sept. 3, at Newton—British Union v. Newton Amity.
 Sept. 10, at Newton—British Union v. Newton Amity.

Those marked * are First Elephants, versus R. U. Second Elephants.

ENGAGEMENTS OF BOWLERS FOR THE ensuNG SEASON.

- At Lord's, (Grundy, George Chatterton, Thomas Hearne, Royston, Wootton, Baker, Bignal, Blidulph, Fenell, Nixon, Hawlinson and Swallow.)
 The two last are new coats.
 At Oval, (Thomas Humphry, T. J. Turner, (a Colt), J. Street, and Mudie.)
 H. H. Stephenson is engaged for the Somers at Regent School.
 Roger Tarrant, for the season with the Waller Club.
 G. Griffith
 Geo Atkinson
 Thomas Darnton
 W. H. Idleson
 Luke Greenwood
 John Barry
 N. McIntyre
 John Thowles
 A. Smith
 W. G. Gidlow
 D. Bush
 James Sootheron
 Wm. Humphrey
 Percival King
 " for the season with the Alexandra Club, Lancashire.
 " for the season with the Accrington Club, Lancashire.
 " for the season with the Broughton Club, Lancashire.
 " for the season with the Green Harwood Club, Lancashire.
 " for the season with the Blackburn Club, Lancashire.
 " for the spring at Rannigate.
 " for the spring at Margate.
 " for the season at Southampton.
 " for the spring at Mertholeth Castle School.

GENTLEMEN OF YORKSHIRE CLUB.

- This newly-formed club has just issued its programme for the ensuing season. The following matches are fixed, but our correspondent has failed to send us the dates:—
 At Dublin, Yorkshire Gentlemen v. Ulster Club.
 At York, Yorkshire Gentlemen v. Northumbrian.
 At Lincoln, Yorkshire Gentlemen v. County of Lincolnshire.
 At Southwell, Yorkshire Gentlemen v. Gentlemen of Notte.
 At York, Yorkshire Gentlemen v. the Broughton Club.
 At York, Gentlemen of Yorkshire v. Gentlemen of Notte (return).
 At York, Gentlemen of Yorkshire v. Gentlemen of the North of Ireland (return).

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS FOR 1864.

- Arnold (a. (Harroway)—Leamington College.
 Bay, John (Sheffield)—City of Gloucester Club.
 Bush, H. (Surry), from April 1 to June 1, Margate; June 1 to end of season, Charterhouse.
 Chatterton, J. (Newark), Burnley, Lancashire.
 Clegg, W. (Stour), Canterbury.
 Crittenden, J. (Coventry), Exeter, Manchester.
 Curtis, H. B. (Norfolk), Oxford University.
 Dawes, Joseph (Sheffield), Eton College.
 G. Griffith
 G. Parker (a. (Bath), Bath, from April 1 to May 14, Dublin University; from May 16 to end of September, East Lancashire Club, Blackburn.
 Gunn, Thomas (Croydon), Kensington Oval.
 Humphrey, John (Mitcham), Birkenhead-park, Liverpool.
 Hutton, W. (Croydon), Kensington Oval.
 Idleson, W. (Mertholeth), Mertholeth Club, North Lancashire.
 Jupp, H. (Surry), Kensington Oval.
 King, Percival (Surry), Mertholeth Castle School, Edinburgh, from April 1 to June.
 Lawlor, W. (Croydon), Rochdale.
 Miller, W. (Surry), Kensington Oval.
 Pocock, J. (Sheffield), Middlesex County Ground, Islington.
 Smith, John (Sheffield), Colonel Buchanan.
 Service, H. (Surry), Kentish Town Hall.
 Sewell, T. (Surry), Kensington Oval.
 Sherriff, T. (Surry), Kensington Oval.
 Shilton, W. (Mertholeth), Cheetham Hill Club, Manchester.
 Shepherd, W. A. (Surry), Orde College, Oxford, from April 6 to the third week in June.
 Smith, F. (Essex), Bromley Union.
 Smith, J. (Yorkshire), Old Hall, Bingley.
 Smith, John (Bradford, Yorkshire), Oxford University, for the term; minister of season at North Shields.
 Storer, E. (Notte), Oxford University, till June; Longsight Club, Manchester, till the end of June.
 Street, J. (Surry), Kensington Oval.
 Tanner (Surry), Kensington Oval.
 Taylor (Surry), Kensington Oval.
 Thomas (Surry), Green Harwood Club, Lancashire.
 Willoughby, D. (Bucks), Acoustical Club, Edinburgh.
 Wilson, G. (Newark), Church, Lancashire.
 Professionals desirous of having their names published in this list must send particulars of their engagements addressed to the Editor, endorsed "Cricket."

THE FAMOUS CRICKETERS OF ENGLAND.

- (WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE "ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS")
- In resuming my remarks upon the famous cricketers of England, I cannot allude to the great success which has attended our glorious "Twelve." In April, 1863, a single player, who had never before been heard of, and there is no doubt of the fact, that the twelve were again to meet, had already had to contend are the strongest that can be selected in that far-famed band of gold. And speaking of gold, our twelve will doubtless come home again with their pockets full. George Parr, in a letter to a gentleman well-known as a great sportsman, says that he has not yet received a bill of expenses exceeding successfully all concerned, and that is not a man in the team who is not perfectly satisfied with the result. As I expected, the natives have been greatly delighted by the batting of Carpenter, Hayward, Caffyn, and Coates; but, Green, and others bear out the argument of the critics, that always supported, but not quite so far as I expected, that they were led to armchair talk. Jackson, Tarrant, and Grace appear to have been most destructive in their play, and the first-named having created quite a sensation. The wickets have been very hard, and the circumstances entirely devoid of that tact which always influences the game. We shall see the Australians will improve this, and I would advise them, if ever they mean to make real cricket, to go away from the brandy bottle, as I am informed they have done. And how to resume the thread of my narrative? Richard Daft hails from Nottingham, a place which stands on the banks of the Trent, about seven miles from Nottingham. He is a tall, slender man, and has given Richard many a valuable lesson in hard-hitting and straight up-right driving. As a batsman, Daft, in my opinion, ranks next to the great Caffyn. Tom Preston throughout the game retained the lead, and eventually won by 30 points, being much cheered and applauded by the spectators. Mr. Charles Hughes then came forward and presented the silver cup to Mr. Preston, at the same time thanking Mr. Preston and the other players, amateur and professionals, for their kindness in play-

ing for him. He also, in a few appropriate words, thanked his friends and patrons for their support.

After a few words from Mr. Preston, Mr. Charles Hughes played a game of 300 with Mr. Bowles, the latter giving 30 points. Mr. Hughes won the game, and thus brought to a termination this great handicap, which, from the interest and support evinced in it and handicapped it throughout, placed it first in such proceedings of the billiard world.

ARCHERY.

GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.—Usually early in the year the committee of the National Society have fixed the period at which their annual meeting is to take place, and in a short time we may expect to have before us official information as to the number and value of the prizes offered for competition in public, among toxophiles from all parts of the country. The society has visited the capital of Scotland, and the English cathedral cities of York (where its first meeting was held in 1844), Exeter, Worcester, and Oxford; also those centres of musical life of Derby, Leamington, Cheltenham, and Bath; and the mineral springs of Buxton, Liverpool. This year it will hold its anniversary gathering in the immediate neighbourhood of London, viz., in the Alexandra Park, on the 6th, 7th, and 8th of July. There seems every reason to congratulate the National Society as having made a wise selection as regards the future interests of archery in connection with those societies now existing in or around London, or in the Home counties generally.

GRAND WESTERN MEETING.—The arrangements for this society's meeting in August have been completed, and we learn that the leading trials always make a wide range, not more on account of their magnificence as a player than for his innate and general goodness of heart. Surry need be prouder of no better a man than "Billy" Caffyn. Barbers by trade are probably the most popular, and, perhaps, this has something to do with the fact that all of them are men of good character. Daft is a man of great merit, and Caffyn very high. The one I have seen surpass him are Alf. Clarke, Carpenter, Grace, and Roger Ideson. He usually stands "long-leg" and "winks wicket off," and the sharpness and precision with which he returns the ball is remarkable. He is a man of great merit, and I have no objection to Richard Daft as a cricketer upon whom I might extend my remarks, but I think I have said enough to warrant me in expressing the opinion that he is the finest batsman of the present day.

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"ARGUS" AND THE JOCKEY CLUB.

LAST week Mr. Justice Crompton, sitting at Cambridge in assize on the Norfolk Circuit, and a special jury for that purpose empanelled, were engaged in trying the great issue which has for so many months furnished matter for gossip, not only in sporting circles, but also among the general public. The Jockey Club then and there brought its long-anticipated action of trespass against Mr. Irwin Lewis Wiles (commonly known in Turf circles as "Argus"), for having "on divers days and times broken into and entered certain lands of the plaintiffs" known as "The Flat," in the parish of Barwell, in the county of Cambridge.¹ a formidable array of words which portends, not that Mr. Wiles really did anything violently or burglariously, but that he quietly walked upon Newmarket Heath, having been warned off that sacred precinct by the stewards of the Jockey Club, with a view of ascertaining whether those august personages had a legal right to exclude persons capriciously from that well-known race-course, after openly and by advertisement giving a constructive general invitation to all the world to come and see the sports. This question was gravely debated. The evidence of the plaintiffs merely proved the occupation of the Heath and the formal trespass—neither of which were denied. The defendant had, of course, no evidence to offer; and, after hearing both sides, the jury decided the legal question in favour of the plaintiffs by finding a verdict for them, assessing the damages (the question not being one of damages) at one shilling. By the operation of the judge's certificate, this verdict is sufficient to carry costs, and the decision of this question is likely, therefore, to cost the defendant (or rather, we presume, the journal on whose behalf he acted) something like four hundred pounds sterling.

We presume that no expectation was entertained on behalf of the defendant that the result would be otherwise than it has proved to be. The point of law must have been clear enough to the most untechnical mind. If you dislike a man, either because he abuses you or because you object to the colour of his hair, you may exclude him from your garden. This was precisely the position of the Jockey Club as regards Mr. Willers. That gentleman had offended certain of his standards sorely by writing a few wholesome and, no doubt, unpalatable, truths about their proceedings, and they would have none of Mr. Willers upon their Heath any more than Dr. Caius would have an "honest man" in his closet. Even the little point about a constructive invitation has been decided over and over again in a manner adverse to the sensible right—and most probably so. There is a species of seeming about this pretended right which disappears before careful examination into principles. If a man advertises that at a certain time he will have a race run in his field, or that he will� give through a horse-collar in his house, he cannot be said to undertake to admit everybody who chooses to be present. The utmost that he can be held to have done is to have made a general announcement of his intention, in order that those who wish to be present may come and take their chance of being admitted. Even in the well-known case of the manager of "A" theatre, it has been repeatedly decided that he can not only refuse admission to whomsoever he pleases, but that he can also, after admitting a person, turn him out again without giving any reason whatever. The best protection which the public has that this power will not be abused lies in the knowledge that an abuse of it would as certainly bring its own punishment with it as there were penal consequences attached by law. Of two evils, it is always wise to choose the lesser; and it is far better for the common good that individuals should be incommoded, than that there should be any unnecessary fetter upon the right of a man to do lawfully as he pleases upon his own premises.

We may fairly presume that the object of the defendant in first of all incurring and then defending this action was not to upset a state of the law which most people must have been aware of, and which it would be obviously undesirable to change, but to expose the exact position which the plaintiffs occupy as regards the public. The question is not, we submit, (as some of our contemporaries have attempted to put it) one regarding the liberty of the press; the *Press, per se*, has nothing to do with it; it is purely a question between the public and the Jockey Club—whether the Jockey Club is a public body, exercising public functions and vested with an authority entrusted to it by the public; or whether it is merely a club of private persons, incorporated for private and selfish purposes, and possessed of no kind of authority whatever beyond that which is necessarily derived from the position and prestige of the persons composing it. It must be well-known to most of our readers that, in its origin, this was nothing but a private club of gentlemen, who came together for the purpose of holding races for their own amusement. Gradually, the uses under the management of the Club began to assume more and more of a public character, until the public has accustomed itself to look up to the Jockey Club as a regularly-constituted authority or tribunal competent to deal with all matters connected with Turf affairs. By their treatment of Mr. Willes, and the verdict which they have sought for and obtained from a jury, the Jockey Club practically disowns this position, and takes the most effectual way of proving that it is not a public but a private body.

but a private body; that it has no responsibility, and consequently can have no authority; that it refuses to allow its acts to be laid open to public criticism, and consequently that its proceedings can have no public weight; that, although the public may come and see the fun upon the premises in their occupation, they must hold their peace about it, and not presume to give an opinion henceforth upon Newmarket Heath. Admiral Ross and his honourable conferees are Sir Nostrates, and when they speak no dog is to be permitted to bark. That this is no master affecting the Press must be clear enough from the fact that years ago a case occurred of an individual who was warned off the Heath for presuming to utter, *in seco voce*, a little of what wholesome and unpalatable commodity for inimitating which Mr. Willes has been treated in like manner.

It is, perhaps, a matter for regret that this important

— perhaps, a matter for regret that this position of affairs between the Jockey Club and the public was not more strongly established under the learned counsel who appeared for Mr. Willes. It is not for us to try into the secret understanding which exists between advocates and clients, and we have no information of the instructions which were given to Mr. Keane in his brief; but it certainly does appear to us that a great deal of the trouble which that gentleman is represented to have spent in complimenting the Jockey Club upon its "rank" and "power" and the honorable and manly fashion in which it discharged its "duties," would have been better employed in informing the jury of the real merits of the case—namely, that however high and honourable may be the position of many of the members of that Club, some of them, and especially those who have been foremost in acting against Mr. Willes, scarcely deserve the application of such epithets; but that, on the contrary, they have proved themselves to be capable of acting in (to use the very mildest phrase) a very unfair, overbearing, and disgraceful manner. We do not know whether, when Mr. Willes paid his counsel to plead his case, he did so in the expectation of being called by him "a poor writer in the *Morning Post*," or the adjective was intended to apply to his pecuniary means, and he hoped his counsel intended to express thereby his dissatisfaction with the amount of his fee, we do not see that it was in any way relevant to the case; if, on the other hand, it was intended to express Mr. Keane's estimate of Mr. Willes's ability as a writer, it was scarcely polite. It was not, we submit, a struggle between two powerful men of rank¹ and a "poor writer"; it was simply a matter to be settled between the stowards of a club which has hitherto affected to act for the public, and an individual member of that public, who is, for ought we know, to the full as powerful as, and as little amenable to, the epithet "poor," as the gentlemen to whom he was opposed.

It is not to the nominal plaintiffs in this case that we would add.

dress our parting words, but to Lord Derby, the Duke of Richmond, Lord Chesterfield, the Marquis of Exeter, Lord Zetland, Mr. Greyville, and the other really powerful men of rank, whose honourable and unpolished names are suffered to be dragged through the mire of this silly and trumpery squabble by their injudicious representations. It is for them to look to the matter; it will be for them to decide whether they will accept of the club of which they are members, and which their presence alone dignifies and adorns; the logical consequences of the verdict which their stewards have obtained. Is the club henceforth to be a private body? or the arbiter of racing matters, accepted by and responsible to the public? If they elect to accept the former position, we shall be sorry for it; we shall look back upon the bygone glories of the Jockey Club, and sigh a regretful "Quantum mutatus ab illo!" Only let them be logical; let them convert Newmarket Heath into private grounds, as they may readily do, by running a fence along about half a mile of the Cambridge-road, and admitting spectators only by ticket.

BOAT-RACING AND ITS DANGERS.

SIR.—There is an aspect in which to look at the great heat wave of

Still, it is well worth a look at the great boat race of Oxford and Cambridge—the "sensation" of the year, which would be advisable to direct the attention of the young men to it. The subject is admirably treated by Dr. Richardson in the *Social Science Review* of this month. It is a charity to direct the attention of fathers and mothers to it. There is not this afternoon amongst those conquerors—conquered—a single man henceforth with a sound organisation—says my friend, Dr. Richardson, and he has lived for years at Mortlake to test my friends—not one who will not die sooner or later from heart disease. Many men have died many years sooner by so much effort performed beyond his natural powers—not two, probably, that will reach the age of 45—not one that, notwithstanding all the idle nonsense of the "trainers," that will not be a disabled man from the fatal day he got into the hands of a trainer. Still, says Dr. Richardson, some people have fallen under his influence. I would wish to endorse all that Dr. Richardson says. Foolish people say these "sports" are the backbone of English pluck; but that whole assumption is a melancholy falsehood. We hear of the great prevalence of heart disease of late years, and stand aghast at the sudden deaths from that cause.

But what with excess of tobacco-smoking, rheumatism contracted from damp, and heart disease from too much and too violent exercise of volunteers, young men in university boat races, &c., well these acrobatics of

volunteers, young men in university boat races, &c.—all these accidents are easily explained.

The subject is not a very attractive one; we shall go on in our general Press, repeating the old crudities and errors to the end of the chapter. Yet still, if a few rational people can have their attention drawn to it some good may arise. Every experienced physician will endorse the views of the *Social Science Review*.

Sackville-street, W., March 18. I am, Sir, yours, &c.,
CHARLES KID, M.D.

Sir.—Observing in your impression of Saturday last a letter signed "Charles Kid, M.D." of Sackville-street, written in condemnation of rowing, it would be difficult to describe the establishment, I may say, momentary alarm, felt by myself and aquatic friends on reading the Doctor's letter; but after a little reflection and discussion, we requested to prevail upon you, if possible, to insert a refutation of the Doctor's statements. That doctors differ is proved by the fact that many who at this moment hold the highest rank in the medical profession follow rowing as an amusement, and advise others to do the same.

I hope that the poor pre-doomed young men who so nobly contested the race on Saturday last remained in ignorance of the Doctor's opinion.

until they had dined, or it might have taken away their appetites, and all dull care would have reigned triumphant. I have seen and heard of much hard and long rowing as anyone of the present day, and I declare conscientiously that I believe there is nothing more conducive to health than rowing, providing proper precaution is taken afterwards by putting on some clothing immediately, before the body cools and the pores close. I am myself in my 65th year, and have rowed very nearly as many matches as I am years old, and am able and willing to row as many as my powers will allow me to do. I am a man very unimpaired by many rowing men, and I am told I am the best rower in the world at my age. I am an East Kilnman, who is now verging upon 80 years of age, and still pull a scull. There is a finer set of men to beat than the members of the brilliant Leander Club, many of its present and former members having passed the usual age allotted to man? or take, as a sample of what rowing men are like, the more recently-established London Rowing Club. Among hard-rowing watermen of the elder school who can forget the stalwart Jim Castles, who after four years score ergo he resigned his commission? or the famous John Cope, who was beaten by as many years as his famous opponent? As to your correspondent respecting the probable deaths of 14 out of the 16 who rowed in the grand match of Saturday last, before reaching the age of 44, allow me to say that it is precisely the number of years that I have been called a

rowing man, and my experience enables me to affirm that rowing men are generally long-experienced, and my assertion is proved by giving a few names of the crack men of the last 40 years, such as Nounion, Gregory, Cobb, T. Coombes, Newell, H. Clasper, Dodd, Kipping, Byford, Williams, Loader, Godfrey, Bloomfield, Doubleday, the Maynards, Campbells, Pocoocks, and, in fact, a host of others who can still tug at oars, although their ages are from 50 to 70.

I can vouch for the exercise being a healthy one, as I have not had

The attendance of a doctor for those 40 years past, and, thank God, I am still able to do a hard day's work, although in my earlier days my constitution was rather weakly; but by rowing, instead of physicking, my health has been so much improved, that there is a probability of my reaching the age of the first-named veterans of the war.

Shut out our young men from the boat-yard, the cricket-field, and other athletic sports, and no doubt a certain house in Sackville-street will have a much larger number of visitors.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

SIR.—It is possible that a little agitation of the question of "training" boat-races, as also an examination of the alleged excessive danger of the latter to the young men of our universities, may do good, or one would scarcely be induced to reply to the observations in a letter from Walcot-square, in your issue of this week, where we, the doctors, are accused of frightening people by such speculations.

... ease, their thews and sinews, their circulation, their muscles are not hard and yielding. But with these it hardens, — *attemper* of the older

school, the stalwart Jim Castles, &c. we have nothing to do. As rational would it be to tell such men to lay aside their tobacco-boxes, their gallon of beer, their betting-book, &c. But with more boys, fresh from Eton or Winchester, lads still growing, all in blue ribbons, with delicate heart, its fibres almost like blotting-paper, to give this heart the most violent exercise, up and down the Thames, to please a foolish prejudice, is all wrong, and will compare the exercise of the old dons at Oxford in the park, their "universitatem"! for an appetite daily, with the exercises reserved for children, for example, a young child, if allowed to walk, contracts bow knees and crooked ankles. There is scarcely any other cases for such bow knees and crooked ankles, and we have orthopedic hospitals to cure them. Our young men, as boat-racers, get dislocated hips to distract hearts, in place of crooked ankles; for example, in Boston the physician, it is against the popular prejudice to state the fact, but it is not less a fact.

The truth is, physiological or medical questions are not popular. Our soldiers die in lections of scrofula, from bad ventilation in barracks, from not knowing how to bathe, and injure their heart. But we talk nonsense of Look-Hospitals to cure them—it is most fashionable! It is quite in vogue, also, to praise up the universal blessing of Turkish baths; but it so happens they cure some diseases of the nature of dropsy, but just as certainly kill in other diseases of a nervous kind. But still, in the matter of boat races, we shall go on to the end of the chapter, heaping up indiscriminate praise on all alike. As we are on the question of fact that Garibaldi was cured by use of his bullet, or was it to get rid of the scrofula of honor?—we send you word by your correspondent from West-sussex, that we (the doctors) give up frightening people, so that we may get patients; but I would submit that in striving to frighten young men we rather do the opposite—we frighten them so that they may avoid being patients or contracting disease. There is not a sensible insurance office anywhere that would insure the lives of these brilliant boasters in their ribbons with distinguished laurels. The chief physician at Guy's of late years (Dr. Addison) used to give a lecture on the subject of the influence of exciting facts—so much so that he came at last to make particular figures of clergymen, barristers, judges, &c., with aneurism or diseased heart, dissipation, &c., the exact amount of boat racing they were victims to at college; and almost all young men of that rank with pains in the chest, the forerunner of aneurism, or spotting of blood, he found had been college men and badly-trained boat racers.

Some chapters appear on "training" at present in the *Field* newspaper, by a professed trainer, but every man with a *mens sana in corpore sano* will bless his stars he never was subjected to such blundering and balderdash. It is just barely possible you might take a young man of 16, and have so arranged the work for his muscles and heart so as to prevent his destination, but it would be rather by avoiding the raw diners, and pedestrian feasts, shower baths, and other many excesses of young men training. Dr. Richardson speaks particularly of seven cases of young men injured in this way, his own being the first I quoted, but we scarcely require figures. There is no more dismal scene in London than to watch our poor men who turn summertime in the streets, or who are admitted in music-halls to stand on their heads, or on one another's heads. There are people to cheer this, it is usually little boys and silly women; they, too, will encourage boat-men; but we do not want figures from hospitals to show how miserably these acrobats die of diseased hearts. The other men who die oftener of aneurism are the *men of small pectoral*, who are employed running down the pawn-stores with a negligible weight that is familiar to most persons; almost every one of these men die of disease, vessels, aneurism, or dilatation. The effect is the same as in severe boat-training; large quantities of blood are pressed by the muscles back into the right side of the heart, it yields and dilates, or the strain on the arteries at the back of the heart, in one (at the armpit and in the biceps muscle in the rower of boat-matches) causes the middle coat of the artery to break, this is familiar to even the youngest medical student. Like the thoughtless juveniles of Methodist or Christ Church fields is, in obedience to the traditions of popular error and the trainer, tugging at an absurd ear-dropping. I am, Sir, yours, &c.,
Sackville-street, March 22.

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8.S.—It was rather an amusing and suggestive corollary on what has been above stated, to find at the boat-race dinner last week such eminent men as Mr. Ton Taylor returning thanks for university crews in general, and priding himself on even the nurserymaids laughing at what a very bad oarsman he was. It is old Dr. Whewell, of Cambridge, I think, who says a bad theory is better than no theory in the pursuit of knowledge or truth; out of a bad theory you may pick what is true by elimination, and out of the opposite of what is bad; so of the speeches at this dinner, one and only one, that of the old man of this class for being in such good health, it is because they are all very bad oarsmen. So possibly of the "stalwart Jim Caesible," if there were the remotest chance of getting at the facts as to his boating energies as a boy and the condition of his circulation now—these men are the exceptions which prove the rule. I am very far from saying that under road rules of "training" and keeping to healthy men considerably over 60 & 22, avoiding lads of weak fibre, that boat-races might not be continued, but the present system is most ridiculous, as mothers and fathers know to their cost.

THE EFFECT OF MUSIC UPON ANIMALS.

"Where a man was playing on a trumpet-marina, I made my experiments upon a cat, a dog, a horse, an ass, a hind, some cows, small birds, and a cock and hen, who were in a yard under the window. The cat was not the least affected; the horse stopped short from time to time, the dog continued to move his head up and down as he was feeding on the grass; the ox continued to move his head on his sonorous on his hind legs, looking steadily at the player; the ass did not discover the least indication of his being touched, eating his thistles; probably, the hind lifted up her large wide ears, and seemed very attentive; the cock and hen, after gazing at us, went forward; some little birds who were in a brier, and others on trees and bushes, almost tore their little throats with singing; but the cock, who minded only his hens, and the hens, who were solely employed in scraping a neighbouring dunghill, did show in any manner that the trumpet-marina afforded them any pleasure."—*Those dogs have an ear for music* cannot be doubted. He had one which evidently knew one piece of music from another; and a moderate knowledge of music is necessary to appreciate that frisked merrily about the room when a lively piece was played; but when a slow melody was performed, he would seat himself down by the piano, and pick up his ears with intense attention until the player came to the 45th bar; as the discord was struck he would be most pitifully, and, with dropping tail, seek refuge from the unfeeling master under the chairs or tables. Eustachio learnt a harp by her retreat, like a kind of organist, who were singing in the banks of the Mersey, returning whenever they ceased singing, and appearing as they re-commenced their strains.

Bossuet asserts that an officer, confined in the Bastile, drew forth mice and spiders, to beguile his solitude, with his flute; and a mountebank in Paris had taught rats to dance on the rope in perfect time.

Chateaubriand relates in *Upred Canada*, a perfect fact, that he has seen the rattlesnakes in Upper Canada approach a musician, and dance to his fiddle.

In Paris, to two elephants in the Jardin des Plantes leaves no doubt in regard to the perfect of harmony on the brute creation. Every instrument seemed to resound distinctly, as the several modes of the pieces were slow or rapidly, until the excitement of these intelligent creatures had been soothed to such an extent that further experiments were deemed dangerous.—*Slempy Magazine*.

A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION against an injury incurred by one sportsman from another, during a shooting party, has recently been tried in Bridport County Court, the verdict being given for the defendant. It appears that a party were shooting rabbits on some undulating ground near Bridport, and that one of them named Folby, who had been away for a short time, rejoined the others without being observed, at the moment when a Mr. Major shot at a rabbit somewhere in his direction. A pellet glanced off the gravel and hit the plaintiff in the eye, occasioning loss of sight; but the action was not brought for four years. His Honour decided that the injury was accidental, and as it was danger always accompanied such sports, people should go out unarmed." He therefore gave judgment for the defendant with costs, justice being done.

